and decreases in the rateable values of the properties. Such increases are after issue of a notice u/s 126 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 and Property tax demands have been reaised after the disposal of these notices for the period from which the notices were effected.

Programme of Technical Co-operation between Developing Countries

2402-C. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any programme known as Technical Co-operation between developing countries (TCDC); if so, the details thereof indicating its operation during the 7th Five Year Plan;

(b) what was the budget allocation made for this programme indicating actual expenditure and achievements made; and

(c) whether any provision is proposed for the 8th Five Year Plan; if so, the details of the projects, both bilateral and multilateral proposed?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) India is extending technical and economic assistance to developing countries under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme. Under this programme Govt. has been funding gifting of projects/ project equipment, deputation of Indian experts, training of foreign nationals and commissioning of feasibility/pre-feasibility studies and techno-economic surveys in friendly developing countries. Such co-operation is an example of technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC), which is being promoted under the auspices of the United Nations.

(b) The budget allocation for the ITEC programme during 1989-90 was Rs. 13 crores, and the actual expenditure is estimated to be over 90% of the budget. The major recipients of ITEC assistance in the recent past have been Afghanistan, Mauritius, Ethiopia, Vietnam and Cambodia. The assistance given under the programme has been acclaimed by recipient countries, and it has earned tremendous goodwill for India.

(c) Under the ITEC programme, provision for projects, etc. which are undertaken on bilateral basis, are made on a yearly basis.

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(The Deputy Chairman in the Chair)

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